

1320, "Expressing support for the vigilance and prompt response of the citizens and law enforcement agencies in New York and Connecticut to the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square, May 1, 2010," I would have voted aye;

For rollcall vote 247, on motion to suspend the rules and agree as to H. Res. 1272, "Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings," I would have voted aye;

For rollcall vote 248, on motion to suspend the rules and agree as amended, H. Res. 1301, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day," I would have voted aye.

ON MEMORIAL DAY AND EVERY DAY, LET US REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR NATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, as we recognize Memorial Day 2010, I wanted to remember each of the American Service Members from Florida's 7th Congressional District who have lost their life to hostile actions since 1996 as reported to me by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Let us remember all those who have fallen in service to our Nation. Let us never forget those who have served and paid the ultimate price so that we can live in this great land.

We must forever keep these heroes in our thoughts and prayers. Let us today, on Memorial Day and every day, thank the good Lord for their incredible sacrifice.

They have made it possible for all Americans to live in freedom. Let us also remember and pay tribute to the families and loved ones whose loss is immeasurable.

On Memorial Day and every day, let us continue in our hearts and minds to hold dearly all those who have served and are serving this Nation.

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

1. Patrick Fennig, Air Force, Palm Coast—June 25, 1996, Khobar Towers.

2. Michael Heiser, Air Force, Palm Coast—June 25, 1996, Khobar Towers.

3. Brian McVeigh, Air Force, DeBary—June 25, 1996, Khobar Towers.

4. Kenneth Conde, Marines, Orlando—July 1, 2004, Iraq.

5. Jason Dwelley, Navy, Apopka—April 30, 2004, Iraq.

6. Bradley Fox, Army, Orlando—April 20, 2004, Iraq.

7. Arthur Mastrapa, Army, Apopka—June 16, 2004, Iraq.

8. Antoine Smith, Marines, Orlando—November 15, 2004, Iraq.

9. Theodore Bowling, Marines, Casselberry—November 11, 2004, Iraq.

10. Patrick Rapicault, Marines, St. Augustine—November 15, 2004, Iraq.

11. Arthur Williams, Army, Edgewater—December 8, 2004, Iraq.

12. Carlos Gil, Army, Orlando—February 18, 2005, Iraq.

13. Alwyn Cashe, Army, Oviedo—November 8, 2005, Iraq.

14. Gene Hawkins, Army, Orlando—October 12, 2006, Iraq.

15. Sean Tharp, Army, Orlando—March 28, 2006, Iraq.

16. Marco Miller, Army, Longwood—December 5, 2006, Iraq.

17. Nicholas Rogers, Army, Deltona—October 22, 2006, Iraq.

18. Angelo Vaccaro, Army, Deltona—October 3, 2006, Afghanistan.

19. John Mete, Army, Bunnell—September 14, 2007, Iraq.

20. Brandon Bobb, Army, Orlando—July 17, 2007, Iraq.

21. Sandy Britt, Army, Apopka—August 21, 2007, Iraq.

22. Alexander Rosa, Army, Orlando—May 25, 2007, Iraq.

23. Bryan Tutten, Army, St. Augustine—December 25, 2007, Iraq.

24. Adam Quinn, Army, Orange City—October 6, 2007, Afghanistan.

25. Robert Miller, Army, Oviedo—January 25, 2008, Afghanistan.

26. Jason Dahlke, Army, Orlando—August 29, 2009, Afghanistan.

27. Randy Haney, Army, Orlando—September 6, 2009, Afghanistan.

28. Anthony Davis, Army, Daytona Beach—January 6, 2009, Iraq.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, I was absent from the House floor, during rollcall vote No. 277 on H.R. 5325, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

CONGRATULATING MALAYSIA IN ITS 50TH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Malaysia's 50th anniversary of Independence. Since Malaysia gained its independence from the United Kingdom on August 31, 1957, Malaysia has made tremendous progress toward democracy and economic growth. The road to democracy and economic stability has not been easy, with a number of bumps along the way; however, I believe it is important to recognize Malaysia's perseverance in moving its democracy and economy forward.

Today, Malaysia is a middle-income country with a multi-sector economy based on services and manufacturing. It is now our 10th largest trading partner and we are Malaysia's largest foreign investor. Since its independence, Malaysia has had one of the best economic records in Asia. Malaysia's GDP has grown by an average of 6.5 percent per year since 1957. The Malaysian government has taken an active role in ensuring that its economic development also benefits marginalized

groups, such as the ethnic Malays and other indigenous groups. Through economic programs, such as the New Economic Policy of 1971, the National Development policy, and the National Vision Policy, Malaysia has demonstrated its commitment to eradicate poverty, enhance the economic standing of ethnic and indigenous groups, promote education, and its intent to focus on higher-technology production. I believe it is also commendable that Malaysia has set a national goal to become a fully developed economy by the year 2020. With its historical progress, I believe it is feasible and I look forward to witnessing their progress and deepening our bilateral relations in the years to come.

In addition to our robust economic ties with Malaysia, I would also like to highlight our joint efforts to combat international terrorism. Malaysia has been a key ally to the U.S. and a leader in counter-terrorism and counter-narcotics in Southeast Asia. Through intelligence sharing, close cooperation in law enforcement, participation in joint exercises and trainings, Malaysia has been a tremendous partner in security cooperation. In May 2002, Malaysia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. on counterterrorism and we made a joint declaration that provides a framework for counterterrorism cooperation. As a progressive and moderate Muslim nation, Malaysia is a good example of a modern, prosperous, multi-racial, and multi-religious society.

Since coming to power in 2003, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi has provided opportunities for the U.S. to improve diplomatic and political relations with Southeast Asian nations. As a moderate secular Islamic nation, Malaysia's experiences and cooperation could play a key role in coping with religious extremism, countering terrorism, and exerting a moderate influence on the Islamic community in Southeast Asia. Under Prime Minister Badawi's leadership, Malaysia is adopting an "Islam Hadhari" approach, which encourages and emphasizes a view of Islam that is focused on development, social justice, and tolerance. Malaysia's progressiveness is highly commendable and has the potential to have great influence internationally.

Malaysia has come a long way and, as a key ally to the United States, I would like to commend Malaysia for its continued progress and remarkable achievements and congratulate the people of Malaysia in their celebration of 50 years of independence.

HONORING ARCHBISHOP HOVNAN DERDERIAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend Archbishop Hovnan Derderian on the 30th anniversary of his ordination into the Priesthood and the 20th anniversary of his elevation to the rank of Bishop. Archbishop Derderian is Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church of North America. The Western Diocese covers the Western United States.

Archbishop Derderian was born in 1957 in Beirut, Lebanon. In 1980, he was ordained as a priest in the Armenian Apostolic Church. In